



Shopkeeper in a Kampala, Uganda informal settlement.

## THE CITIES ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP

### **Who We Are**

The Cities Alliance is a global partnership for urban poverty reduction which promotes and strengthens the role of cities in sustainable development.

### **What We Do**

Well-run and inclusive cities offer an enormous opportunity for achieving sustainable development. The Cities Alliance offers support to cities in providing effective local government, promoting an active citizenship, and encouraging public and private investment.

The Cities Alliance seeks to realise this goal by supporting cities and national governments to:

- Develop and/or enhance national policy frameworks to address urban development needs;
- Develop and implement local inclusive strategies and plans;
- Strengthen the capacity of cities to provide improved services to the urban poor;
- Develop mechanisms to engage citizens in city or urban governance; and
- Create conditions conducive to public and private investment.

### **How We Work**

The Cities Alliance partnership works through four business lines:

- **Country/Regional Programmes** are longer-term, programmatic approaches to addressing the specific urban development needs of a selected country or region, normally in the context of rapid urbanisation and the growth of urban poverty.
- **Catalytic Fund (CATF)** grants support policies that catalyse city transformation and activities that enhance innovation and learning.
- **Knowledge and Learning** programmes are flexible, multi-year instruments that focus on sharing knowledge and experience on specific issues.
- **Communications and Advocacy** activities promote the Cities Alliance's key messages on urban development in order to encourage policies and behaviours that contribute to the vision of sustainable cities without slums.

### **Cities Alliance Members**

**Local authorities:** United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and Metropolis

**Governments:** Australia, Brazil, Chile, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Italy, Nigeria, Norway, the Philippines, South Africa, Sweden, and the United States

**Non-governmental organisations:** Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI) and Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI)

**Multi-lateral organisations:** European Union, UN-Habitat, and the World Bank